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Dear Ms. Poole, Mr. Ramo, and Mr. Rostov:

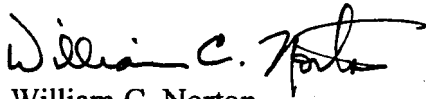
Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2002, in which you request a 30-day extension of the public comment period for each of the five proposed refinery Title V Permits. We agree that an extension of the public comment period is appropriate, and therefore grant your request.

Your July 22, 2002, letter notes the length and complexity of the proposed permits and the overlapping comment periods for the five permits as reasons for extending the public comment period. We agree that these reasons support a 30-day extension of each of the public comment periods. Though we must be mindful of how an extension of the comment period will affect our ability to meet the milestones established by EPA for Title V permit issuance, this concern must be balanced against the need for an adequate opportunity for public review. In this situation, we believe the balance tilts in favor of extending the public comment period.

The refinery Title V permits will benefit the public and the environment through enhanced enforceability and accountability. Our goal is to issue the permits as soon as possible after addressing matters essential to Title V. While we will continue to assist you in your review of historical permit files, this review does not need to occur prior to issuance of a Title V permit. We therefore do not anticipate extending the comment period further for this reason.

I trust this responds to your concerns. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (415) 749-5052.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William C. Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a stylized "N".

William C. Norton  
Interim CEO/Executive Secretary

cc: Brian Bunger, Acting District Counsel  
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